

## State of Maine

The minority of the joint select committee to which was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to newly acquired Territory having had the same under consideration and dissenting from the report of the majority of said committee, ask leave to submit a counter

### Report

That the subject being one purely national in its character, demanding no legislative action on the part of this State, the undersigned, a minority of your committee, cannot regard its agitation here, otherwise than as attended with no beneficial results; as a serious and useless interruption of the ordinary and appropriate business of the Legislature, and as calculated to prolong the session and waste the money of the people in the illegitimate consideration of a question solely and entirely within the province of the national Legislature; whose wisdom and prudence it is confidently believed will be found fully sufficient to its proper and satisfactory determination.

In respect to the policy which ought to be adopted touching any newly acquired Territory; whether the local institutions should be permanently determined



by congress in the act establishing over any such  
territory a territorial Government; or whether the  
question of prohibiting or permitting the existence  
of any particular institution should be submitted to the  
decision of the people of such territory, at the time of its  
organization, or whether the whole question should  
be referred to the decision of the people who may  
reside therein at the time when the application for  
admission into the Union as a State, may be made;  
the undersigned do not undertake to decide; but  
relying upon the wisdom, judgment and prudence  
of congress, and reposing entire confidence in our  
delegation in Congress, that they will fully and  
faithfully reflect the views and sentiments of their  
several constituencies, the undersigned are of opinion  
that the settlement of the whole question may be  
safely left in the hands of those to whom it  
legitimacy belongs. <sup>They</sup> Therefore beg leave to report  
that legislation <sup>action</sup> upon the subject referred to <sup>therein</sup>  
is <sup>is</sup> inexpedient

All ~~of~~ which is respectfully submitted

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In Senate, June 13, 1848.

Ordered, That 350 copies of the foregoing Report be printed for the use of the Legislature

Samuel G. McKenney

Minority Report  
of the joint select  
committee, to which  
was referred so much of  
the Governor's message  
as relates to slavery to  
newly acquired Territory